

Special Education Programs

Information, News and Events

May 2018



Next Sped Director Call:

May 15, 2018—10 a.m. CST

Connect through Skype for Business at:

[Join Skype Meeting](#)

Direct dial: 1(866)410-8397

Participant code: 1286289700

Agenda Items:

- DDD Lifecourse Framework
- IDEA Flowthrough Application
- Significant Disproportionality
- Fall IEP Workshops

STAFF:

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“Teaching is the greatest
act of optimism”

Colleen Wilcox

Sped Program Highlights

Governor’s Advisory Panel for Children with Disabilities Nominees Needed:

The Panel meets 4 times per year and advise the Office of Special Education Programs in a variety of topics. Information can be found at [Boards and Commission website](#). The following positions are open: teacher, parent, individual with a disability, and other state agency. For more information contact Melissa.Flor@state.sd.us or 605-773-6119.

Federal Program Highlights

New! Letters From OSEP

April 18, 2018: [Letter to Kane](#) addresses whether local educational agencies must provide compensatory services to make up special education and related services missed when children with disabilities participate in required scheduled state assessment testing.

April 19, 2018: [Letter to Carroll](#) addresses the provision of *IDEA* services when a preschool child with a disability does not attend preschool full-time.

April 19, 2018: [Letter to Zirke](#) addresses whether a teacher or other district staff member on an IEP Team may enter a dissenting opinion on the IEP or elsewhere in the student’s record.

DOE Program Highlights

Update Personnel Record Form by June 8

The Personnel Record Form is open. The deadline to make any changes to this school year’s database is June 8. It is important to log into the system via <http://doe.sd.gov/prf>. Click on “PRF Log-in Screen,” then select DE69PERS to enter SY 2018 staffing data. This is different from prior years and is needed to ensure that records are connected to the new online certification system and database.

NAEP scores released. Results from the 2017 National Assessment of Educational Progress were released last week. Like much of the nation, South Dakota’s scores remained mostly steady compared to 2015. Achievement gaps for our lowest-performing students continue to be a challenge, even while some of our highest-performing students saw gains. Read the [press release](#).

Professional Develop-

(click on the titles to go to registration site)

Please see the attached flyers for information on the Center for Disabilities Summer Deaf-Blind training.

Please see attached flyer for the 2018 SD CEC Summer Institute in Aberdeen June 4-5.

Preventing Behavior Escalation to Avoid Dangerous Situations

Presented by the SD PBIS coordinators

July 30 in Sioux Falls
August 3 in Rapid City
August 10 in Aberdeen
August 14 in Pierre

Contact Rebecca.cain@state.sd.us with any questions.

Registration for the Multi-tiered System of Supports Summer Education Conference is now open!

Please see attached flyer for full conference details. Open to all general and special education staff and administrators. Grad credit and CEUs available

June 20: John Hattie associate Kristin R. Anderson—what does and doesn't make a significant difference in student achievement.

June 21: Heather Robbins— school-wide systems and behavior strategies for struggling students.

SDMyLife Next Generation

The next generation of SDMyLife is coming soon! Starting in the fall of 2018, SDMyLife will be supported by a new platform, called Xello!

To learn more about this new platform, register for a SDMyLife: Next Generation training by using the following links.

[Rapid City – May 30, 2018](#)

[Mitchell – May 31, 2018](#)

[Sioux Falls – June 1, 2018](#)

Top 20 Training –FREE!

Please see attached flyer for the Top 20 Trainings with updated times.

Rapid City July 30-31, 2018

Sioux Falls August 1-2, 2018

Grad credit and CEUs available

See attached flyer for more information

Contact Becky Cain at 280-3568 with questions

K-3 Foundational Reading Course

Dates: July 31, August 1 and Oct. 3—

Location: Ft. Pierre/ Drifters Event Center

3 Day Training Focus: On the five main literacy skills: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and reading comprehension.

4-8th Grade Foundational Reading Course

Dates: August 7 & 8—Location: Ft. Pierre/ Drifters Event Center

2 Day Training Focus: On the big 5 (fluency, vocabulary, reading comprehension, phonemic awareness, phonics).

Questions on either of these classes, please contact: Teresa.Berndt@state.sd.us

NORTHERN PLAINS LAW CONFERENCE

When: September 24-26

Where: Rapid City, SD

SAVE THE DATES

South Dakota Educator's Institute

July 16-20, 2018—University Center, Sioux Falls

This Institute will be a combination of the former TSLP Summer Institute, and the former Autism Conference and Summer Institute Rejuvenation for K-12 Educators, both hosted by the Center for Disabilities. Registration is open. Graduate credit available from USD.



Sped Program Feature Presentation



BDI2 Online Learning Modules:

South Dakota DOE is working with Florida State University's Interactive Media Department on the creation of online BDI2 Learning Modules.

The modules are tailored to teaching and supporting our Early Childhood community teachers and providers on the use, administration, scoring, and interpretation of the BDI2.

The course will include six modules outlining:

- * Information and tips for using the BDI2 Examiners Manual
- * Scoring, standardization, and fidelity surrounding the administration
- * Information surrounding fidelity and evaluator drift
- * The use of the Data Manager for Child Outcomes Reporting purposes.

They are set to go live this summer—STAY TUNED!!

Undergraduate and graduate credit available. CEUs will also be available.